

Governors and other political leaders from the state, recording humorous, sad, dramatic and moving stories that will forever be preserved because of Lee's hard work and passion. She is also a talented woodworker, having crafted numerous pieces of fine furniture; a white water rafter, having conquered some of the toughest rivers in the world; and a mother of three successful daughters. She is truly a remarkable woman, who has lived her life in a manner befitting her remarkable character and personality.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you today in order to bring the life of such an extraordinarily caring and compassionate woman to the attention of this body of Congress. Lee Bahrych has lived a truly remarkable life, and I, along with the people of Colorado whose lives she has so profoundly affected and enriched, are eternally grateful for everything she has done. I wish to offer her my sincere congratulations today on being named the recipient of the Colorado Women 2002 Power of One Award, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING NANCY PELOSI  
ON EARNING THE POSITION OF  
DEMOCRATIC WHIP

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, one of the things we all prize and value is the friendships each of us have made with our colleagues, our staff, and the people that work in this building and on the Hill. It is indeed a unique place where lasting friendships are made—and that is among the many things that make this a special place to work.

As Wallace Stegner once wrote, "Friendship is a relationship that has no formal shape . . . there are no rules . . . or obligations . . . or bonds, as in marriage or the family. It is held together by neither law . . . nor property . . . nor blood, there is no glue in it but mutual liking. It is therefore rare."

NANCY PELOSI is a wonderful, bright and strong person, and I treasure her friendship. Maya Angelou once stated that "the most called-upon prerequisite of a friend is an accessible ear." And I'm sure NANCY will master the art of lending her ear to over 200 people all at the same time!

From the moment she first arrived in 1987, it was clear that NANCY PELOSI not only had leadership skills, but that she had steadfast resolve and determination. When I look at her career, I can think of no one whose fought harder and has been more dedicated to promoting the basic values of human rights, freedom and democracy.

She was one of the first Members to join the Central American working group to promote peace and democracy in the region. She was one of the first to raise our awareness about the need to invest in breast cancer and HIV/AIDS research. She wouldn't let Congress go home in 1996 without passing a law to protect the historic Presidio park in San Francisco. She taught us that in order to tackle the basic problems of poverty, we need to allow women and their families to plan for their future. And we need to ensure they have enough resources to raise their children.

But when she led the fight on our trade relationship with China, the world knew just how committed and focused NANCY PELOSI could be. She never, ever forgot the tens of thousands of political prisoners and dissidents that were being held in Chinese prisons for simply trying to express themselves freely. And she was undoubtedly responsible for the release of dissident Wei Jing Sheng [Way Zhing Zhang] from Chinese prison.

NANCY never lost sight of the basic values of democracy, and her belief, her tenacity, and her commitment to those values could not be challenged. There's an image that comes to mind; I think we all remember the lone Chinese dissident standing in front of a tank in Tiananmen Square. Wherever that tank went, he tried to stop it. He was standing up for his belief that Chinese citizens should be treated with dignity, respect, and should have the right of free expression. Every time I see that often-played film on the news, or see that picture in a magazine, I think of NANCY.

NANCY is like that dissident; wherever there is injustice, wherever there is inhumanity, wherever there is indecency, NANCY will stand firmly in the way. She will have the courage to stand up and say, "that's not right," and you know what? Others will follow. That's why she is a leader.

As our whip, NANCY will get our votes, but she will also raise our consciousness. She will remind all of us about what's important, about why we are here, and she will never let us forget where we came from. She will lead us by example, and she will push us to be better Members and better citizens. She will, to paraphrase Eleanor Roosevelt, make us do the thing we think we can't. And in many ways, today's swearing in is just another example of how NANCY has followed the words of John F. Kennedy, "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen."

I have no doubt NANCY will help us all do the things we think we can't, and she will make these things happen.

Congratulations to NANCY on earning the position of Democratic Whip.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE  
THAT SCHEDULED TAX RELIEF  
SHOULD NOT BE SUSPENDED OR  
REPEALED

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 6, 2002*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this farcical, time-wasting resolution.

Have we no real work to do?

We have a duty to protect our great nation in times of crisis and war. We do not, however, have a duty to help our Republican colleagues look out for their fat cat buddies through an unbalanced and, frankly, unfair tax cut like the one passed last year.

The tax cut was passed; that is over. I would now, however, ask my colleagues to join me in opposing this ridiculous resolution today.

I would further ask that my colleagues join me in cosponsoring a bill introduced by my good friend from Massachusetts, Representa-

tive FRANK. His bill, H.R. 2935, would repeal the reduction in the top income tax rate. This would add about \$100 billion to federal revenue over the next 10 years. All of this money would go into the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds, so we can keep our commitment to our seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the budget submitted by President Bush this week proposes a budget deficit every year for the next decade. This means a \$1.5 trillion budget deficit over the next 10 years. The Bush tax plan that passed last year left too little room for error, and no room for unexpected events like September 11. No one in this chamber would deny that we need to defend our nation, but we must do so in a fiscally responsible manner. In addition to the threats posed by terrorism both at home and abroad, we face other great domestic challenges. Our kids are taught in dilapidated schools that are not equipped to handle technology that is so vital to their future. Seniors cannot afford the prescription drugs they so desperately need. We have no Patients' Bill of Rights and we must do more to protect our environment. These are important issues that need to be addressed before we give tax cuts to the fat cats. Mr. Speaker, where are our priorities?

It was bad enough to debate this foolish policy once. I am perplexed as to why the GOP leadership now wants us to waste time reaffirming our support for this ridiculous tax scheme. I am forced to conclude that my Republican colleagues truly believe we have no more important work to do.

I ask my colleagues to reject this resolution and to stand strong for fiscal responsibility.

NO ROOM FOR RACISM  
RESOLUTION

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 7, 2002*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution condemning discrimination and supporting the No Room for Racism campaign initiated by citizens of Hayward, California.

Since the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001, our country has come together in remarkable ways. Citizens across the nation have donated blood, volunteered their time, and contributed money to help those who were victimized by the ruthless attacks. During this difficult time, America's true colors have been displayed to the world. In times of national crisis, we take care of each other.

Unfortunately, despite this unity, some of our citizens have misplaced their anger at the terrorists by discriminating against their fellow Americans. Although this has not been widespread, even a few reports of discrimination and hatred are cause for concern. Discrimination against anyone in America is simply not consistent with our heritage or our laws. In order to combat discrimination, all Americans must work for tolerance and social justice.

Citizens in my district have taken the initiative to do just that. They have launched a campaign called "No Room for Racism" condemning all acts of discrimination against people because of their appearance. I applaud the citizens of Hayward for this worthy endeavor.